

South Carolina Board of Economic Advisors

Statement of Estimated State Revenue Impact

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Bill Number: H.B. 3982

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Committee Requesting Impact: House EPW

Bill Summary

A bill to amend Section [56-1-130](#), Code of Laws of south Carolina, 1976, relating to basic and classified drivers' licenses allowing a licensee to operate a motorcycle and certain specified motor vehicles which do not exceed twenty-six thousand pounds gross vehicle weight, so as to clarify the term "gross vehicle weight"; to amend Sections [56-3-2540](#), [56-3-3500](#), [56-3-4100](#), [56-3-4200](#), [56-3-4410](#), [56-3-4600](#), [56-3-7300](#), [56-3-7750](#), [56-3-7780](#), as amended, [56-3-7910](#), [56-3-8000](#), as amended, [56-3-8600](#), [56-3-8710](#), [56-3-9000](#), [56-3-9100](#), [56-3-9400](#), [56-3-9500](#), [56-3-9600](#), as amended, and Section [56-3-9910](#), relating to "Conserve South Carolina" license plates, "Penn Center" license plates, "South Carolina Elks Association" license plates, "Carolina Panthers" license plates, "Share The Road" license plates, "Homeownership: The American Dream" license plates, "Saltwater Fishing" license plates, fraternity and sorority license plates, "Vietnam Veterans" license plates, "H. I. Hunley Submarine" license plates, tax exempt organizations license plates, "Ducks Unlimited" license plates, "NASCAR" license plates, "Sertoma International" license plates, "South Carolina Technology Alliance" license plates, "Morris Island Lighthouse" license plates, "God Bless America" license plates, "No More Homeless Pets" license plates, and "Gold Star Family" license plates, so as to provide that each of these license plates may be issued to owners of any vehicle classified as a passenger motor vehicle.

REVENUE IMPACT ^{1/}

This bill is not expected to have an impact on state revenues in FY 2007-08.

Explanation

This bill changes language of certain special license plate statutes to conform empty weight ($\leq 9,000$ lbs.) and gross weight ($\leq 11,000$ lbs.) limits for a private passenger motor vehicle to the limits set in Section 56-3-630, as last amended in September 2006. This change will provide a uniform standard to issue these 'special' license plates for autos and pickups to weight parameters currently in use for 'regular' license plates.

Based on a review by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), expanding issuance of special plates to pickups between 9,000 and 11,000 pounds would have no impact on applicable registration fees required under Section 56-3-660. Furthermore, since the bill applies to special plates in use, it would have no impact on production costs allocated to DMV. Thus, we expect this bill would have no net impact on Motor Vehicle License revenues and associated distributions of state revenues in FY 2007-08.

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^{1/} This statement meets revenue impact requirements of Section 2-7-71 for a state impact by BEA, Section 2-7-76 for a local impact or Section 6-1-85(B) for an estimate of the shift in local property tax incidence by Office of Economic Research (OER).